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SUBJ: IRISH-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS ON UP-COMING EC PRESIDENCY

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY AND IRISH EMBASSY IN ROME ARE NOW ENGAGED IN PLANNING ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE, THROUGH CERTAIN OF ITS EMBASSIES ABROAD, IN SUPPORT OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WHEN IRELAND HAS THE EC PRESIDENCY.

2. EC POLICY APPARENTLY PROVIDES THAT THE GOVERNMENT NEXT IN LINE FOR PRESIDENCY (IN THIS CASE ITALY AFTER IRELAND ASSUMES THE PRESIDENCY IN JANUARY) WILL PROVIDE FOR THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENCY OPERATIONAL SUPPORT ON EC-RELATED MATTERS VIA ITS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABROAD WHERE THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENCY IS NOT REPRESENTED. SUCH ASSISTANCE INCLUDES ACTING FOR INCUMBENT TO COORDINATE POLITICAL, AND TO LESSER EXTENT ECONOMIC, CONSULTATIONS AMONG EC MISSIONS IN THE CAPITALS CONCERNED, AND TO PRESENT EC DEMARCHES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENCY.

3. CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS IS EC TELEX NETWORK, FOREIGN MINISTRY TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. ALL RELEVANT UNCLASSIFIED

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